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LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty of Candor and Good Faith of the Applicant and its undersigned representative, this letter is submitted to draw the attention of the Patent Office to a possible discrepancy in the prosecution file history for the instant application, which may implicate the amount of patent term adjustment to which the instant application is entitled. Specifically, the Notice of Allowance dated October 18, 2006 indicates a patent term adjustment of 42 days, which may include 2 days to which the instant application may not be entitled.

An Amendment After Final was filed in connection with the instant application on June 19, 2006. The image file wrapper in PAIR reflects this submission. A copy of the image file wrapper document list is enclosed herewith. However, the Amendment After Final of June 19, 2006 is not reflected in the patent term adjustments computation in PAIR. A copy of the patent term adjustment computation is also enclosed herewith.

The Notice of Allowance of October 18, 2006 indicates that it is responsive to an Examiner's Amendment of September 17, 2006. The Applicant and its undersigned representative are not aware of such Examiner's Amendment, and no such Examiner's Amendment is reflected in PAIR.

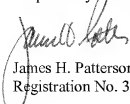
Since the Amendment After Final of June 19, 2006 was received by the Patent Office three months and two days after the Final Office Action of March 17, 2006, there may be cause for an additional debit of two days from the Patent Term Adjustment credits resulting from the Patent and Trademark Office delays.

A Terminal Disclaimer of Patent Term Adjustment Under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) was filed in error on January 17, 2007. Nullification of this erroneous submission is respectfully requested.

Please contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below if further details or clarification is needed.

The undersigned is an Attorney or Agent of Record.

Respectfully submitted,



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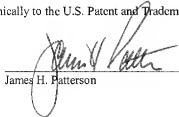
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Patent Term Adjustments

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Filing or 371(c) Date:	03-19-2004	USPTO Delay (PTO) Delay (days):	76
Issue Date of Patent:	-	Three Years:	-
Pre-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Applicant Delay (APPL) Delay (days):	34
Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total PTA (days):	0
USPTO Adjustment(days):	-42	Explanation Of Calculations	

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08-31-2005	Response after Non-Final Action		34
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04-28-2005	Mail Non-Final Rejection		⌄
04-26-2005	Non-Final Rejection		
11-20-2004	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
09-29-2004	Reference capture on IDS		
09-29-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed		
08-11-2004	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete		
08-11-2004	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
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07-02-2004	Additional Application Filing Fees		
07-02-2004	Applicant has submitted new drawings to correct Corrected Papers problems		
06-03-2004	Corrected Paper		
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06-02-2004	Application Return TO OIPE		
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